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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY FROM
PANAMANIAN DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND
ALTERNATIVES ABOUT U.S. INTERNATIONAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

IN SEPTEMBER 1977 THE UNITED STATES INITIATED A PILOT
PROGRAM FOR SELECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO COOPERATE WITH
THEM IN OVERALL ENERGY ASSESSMENTS. IN FISCAL YEAR 1978

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THE U.S. IS COOPERATING WITH EGYPT AND PERU IN ASSESSMENTS
OF THEIR ENERGY RESOURCES, APPLICABLE TECHNOLOGIES FOR
DEVELOPMENT, OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION, SUPPLY
AND DEMAND ANALYSES, TRAINED MANPOWER AVAILABILITY AND
REQUIREMENTS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. ENERGY REQUIRE-
MENTS ARE BEING ASSESSED IN TERMS OF THEIR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLANS. SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES FOR EACH

COUNTRY'S ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ARE BEING PREPARED IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO THEM AND TO PROVIDE A SOUND BASIS ON WHICH THEIR NATIONAL PLANNING MECHANISM

COULD SET PRIORITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT.

2. PROGRAM WILL BE REVIEWED IN SEPTEMBER TO DETERMINE ADVISEABILITY AND SCOPE OF ITS CONTINUATION IN SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS.

3. DEPARTMENT SHOULD KNOW AT THAT TIME THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSIDERATION OF PANAMA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. CHRISTOPHER

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